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1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL THAT THE BRIGADE CONTINUE TO HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IN MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE. NOW THAT IMPACT PACKAGE COMPLETE, WE BELIEVE NEXT STEP IS TO COORDINATE WITH NATO ALLIES, ESPECIALLY FRG, ON ENTIRE BRIGADE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. TO THIS END, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE ARE IN SEPTEL REQUESTING EMBASSY BONN TO APPROACH FRG ON COORDINATION OF BRIGADE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM INCLUDING EFFORTS TO INVOLVE OTHER NATO ALLIES.

2. BONN MAY WISH TO CALL ON YOU FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN ITS TALKS WITH THE FRG.

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